Amendments to the Specification:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

THIS APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/JP2004/009214.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 2, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the image data transfer system 700, the printer A 730 is a mass-storage class supporting device which recognizes the digital camera 710 as a mass storage device, and has a communication mode corresponding to the mass storage class. The printer B 740 is an imaging class supporting device which recognizes the digital camera as an imaging device, and has a communication mode corresponding to the imaging class. The personal computer 720 has communication modes corresponding to both classes described above. The personal computer 720 can recognize the digital camera as a mass storage device as well as an imaging classdevice, and has two communication modes corresponding to the mass storage class and the imaging class.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A first aspect of the present invention is a slave apparatus capable of communicating with a master device through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of divers kinds, said slave apparatus comprising:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 5, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A second aspect of the present invention is a slave apparatus capable of communicating with a master device through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of diverse kinds, said slave apparatus comprising:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 6, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A third aspect of the present invention is a slave apparatus capable of communicating with a master device through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of diverse kinds, said slave apparatus comprising:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 6, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A fourth aspect of the present invention is the slave apparatus according to any one of the first to the third aspects of the present inventionsinvention, wherein said predetermined communication bus is a USB (universal serial bus) type.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 7, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A fifth aspect of the present invention is the slave apparatus according to the fourth aspect of the present invention, wherein said communication controlling means performs said release by pulling up or pulling down a voltage applied to a D^+ or a D^- line of said USB.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 7, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A sixth aspect of the present invention is the slave apparatus according to the fourth aspect of the present invention, wherein said communication controlling means performs said release by turning OFF a V_{bus} line through with a voltage from said hose device is supplied in said USB.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 7, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A seventh aspect of the present invention is the slave apparatus according to any one of the first to the third aspects of the present inventionsinvention, wherein a plurality of said

communication modes include at least two modes selected from a mode corresponding to an imaging class, a mode corresponding to a mass storage class, a mode corresponding to a customized class, and a mode corresponding to a streaming class.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 7, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An eighth aspect of the present invention is the slave apparatus according to the seventh aspect of the present invention, wherein said mode corresponding to a mass storage class among a plurality of said communication modes is set up in itself as an initial state.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 7, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A ninth aspect of the present invention is the slave apparatus according to the fourth aspect of the present invention, wherein said USB is embodied as a wire USB cable.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A tenth aspect of the present invention is the slave apparatus according to the fourth aspect of the present invention, wherein said USB is embodied as a wireless circuit.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 8, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An eleventh aspect of the present invention is the slave apparatus according to any one of the first to the third aspects of the present inventionsinvention, comprising displaying means of displaying information on a communication state including information concerning a communication mode presently set up in itself.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 8, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A twelfth aspect of the present invention is the digital camera comprising a slave apparatus according to any one of the first to the third aspect of the present ~~inventions~~invention and

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 8, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A thirteenth aspect of the present invention is a communication setting method of setting a communication mode in a slave device capable of communicating with a master device through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of diverse kinds, said method comprising:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 9, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A fourteenth aspect of the present invention is a communication setting method of setting a communication mode in a slave apparatus capable of communicating with a master device through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of diverse kinds, said method comprising:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 10, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A fifteenth aspect of the present invention is a communication setting method of setting a communication mode in a slave apparatus capable of communicating with a master device through a predetermined communication bus and having a plurality of communication modes of diverse kinds, said method comprising:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 11, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A sixteenth aspect of the invention is a program of causing a computer to serve, in a slave apparatus according to the first aspect of the present invention, as: judging means of transmitting to said master device a notification code of notifying a presently set-up own

communication mode, and then judging whether a command in response to said notification code is received from said master device within a predetermined time or not; and communication controlling means of performing control on the basis of a judgment result of said judging means in such a manner that when a command in response to said notification code is received from said mater device within the predetermined time, a state permitting communication with said master device is established in correspondence to the command, and that when said command is not received within said predetermined time, connection to said master device is electrically released temporarily and then said connection is restored.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 11, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A seventeenth aspect of the present invention is a program of causing a computer to serve, in a slave apparatus according to the second aspect of the present invention, as: judging means of transmitting to said master device a notification code of notifying a presently set-up own communication mode, and then judging whether a command received from said master device in response to said notification code corresponds to said presently set-up own communication mode or not; and communication controlling means of performing control on the basis of a judgment result of said judging means in such a manner that when said command corresponds to the presently set-up communication mode, a state permitting communication with said master device is established in correspondence to the command, and that when said command does not correspond to the presently set-up communication mode, connection to said master device is electrically released temporarily and then said connection is restored.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 12, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An eighteenth aspect of the present invention is a program of causing a computer to serve, in a slave apparatus according to the third aspect of the present invention, as: communication mode identifying means of transmitting to said master device a notification code of notifying a presently set-up own communication mode, and then identifying the kind of communication mode corresponding to a command received from said master device in response to said notification code; and communication controlling means of performing control

such as to change its own communication mode in correspondence to an identification result of said communication mode identifying means and then establish a state permitting communication with said master device.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 13, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A nineteenth aspect of the present invention is a computer-processable recording medium carrying a program according to any one of the sixteenth to the nineteenth aspects of the present ~~inventions~~invention.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 13, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A ~~twelfth~~twentieth aspect of the present invention is an information processing apparatus comprising a slave apparatus according to any one of the first to the third aspects of the present ~~inventions~~invention and

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 14, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 7 is a configuration diagram of an image transfer system comprising a digital camera ~~110~~710 and external devices according to the prior art.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 16, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Similarly to the prior art example, the printer A 730 is a mass-storage class supporting device which recognizes the digital camera 110 as a mass storage device, and has a communication mode corresponding to the mass storage class. The printer B 740 is an imaging class supporting device which recognizes the digital camera as an imaging device, and has a communication mode corresponding to the imaging class. The personal computer 720 has communication modes corresponding to both classes described above. The personal computer 720 can recognize the digital camera as an imaging ~~class~~device as well as a mass storage

device, and has two communication modes corresponding to the mass storage class and the imaging class.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 27, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Then, in response to this new communication code, the external device 300 transmits a command of customized class. The digital camera 110 receives this command (Yes in S34), and then continues the communication in the customized class (S35). When no command can be received, the user is notified through the liquid crystal display monitor 114 that communication can not be established between the devices (S11). Such a situation can occur when the USB cable 200 is not appropriately inserted into the communication connector 117 or the like so that physical connection is not secured. Alternatively, it is also possible that the external device 300 is a device of a class of communication mode different from the above-mentioned three communication modes.

Please delete "INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY", at page 33, line 23.